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TO Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE 19 January 1951

Attn: ☐

FROM Chief of Station, Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL Operational

SPECIFIC Adolf SLAVIK and the Nationale Liga

1. On the evening of 17 January, ☐ remarked that there is no evidence that the Nationale Liga is receiving financial or other material assistance from the Soviets. It is known that the party is in desperate financial straits and that due to internal strife, it is splitting at the seams. The Liga is expected to disintegrate soon into three splinter groups, those opposed to SLAVIK'S leadership; those dissatisfied with the party's pro-Soviet platform; and the die-hards who will stick with SLAVIK.

2. ☐ feels that the Soviets can be expected to exploit SLAVIK'S clique if Austria is partitioned or in the event of hostilities. He feels that the Soviets would place more confidence in SLAVIK'S following than they would in most KPOs members to the extent of using SLAVIK'S men as auxiliary policemen. He does not exclude the possibility that SLAVIK is a paid Soviet agent. This has frequently been rumored but never confirmed.

3. Early in December 1950, State Secretary Ferdinand GRAP notified ☐ that a Viennese named SWORODA (fnn) had visited GRAP at his office to volunteer his services in connection on the Nationale Liga. Within a week thereafter, ☐ received a report from a reliable agent who had successfully penetrated the Liga which stated that SWORODA was a provocateur who had been sent by SLAVIK to establish contact with the State Secretary.

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